## **Know Your Rights**

It is important to know your rights as a parent of a public school child who is an English Language Learner.

If you're concerned about your child's academic or language progress, please contact your child's teacher or English Language Coordintor.



Your School Logo Here

#### **Your School District**

Your Name

**ELL Coordinator** 

Phone: 555-555-5555 Fax: 555-555-5555 E-mail: someone@example.com

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#### **Attendance**

The law in the United States requires public schools to educate all students, no matter what their immigration status.

Starting at age 5 or 6, children are legally required to attend school.

#### **Immigration status**

School officials are not allowed to ask parents to show an ID or to give a social security number. You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status or your child's.

Ask if your child qualifies for free or reduced-price breakfast and lunch. You'll need to fill out a federal form, but the form will not be seen by the immigration service. The form will ask you to list the members of your household, dates of birth, relationships, and household income. You do not need a social security number.

#### **Translations**

When you wish to talk to someone at the school, you can ask the school to provide an interpreter. You can also bring in a friend to translate for you.

We will try, as often as possible, to translate information sent home into the family's primary language.

#### **English Language Instruction**

You will be notified within one month after school begins if your child has been recommended for placement in an English language program. If your child enters the school after the beginning of the year, you will be notified in two weeks. You will be told:

- why your child has been identified for the program
- the child's level of English proficiency
- the recommendations for the child
- the expectations of the program



We will provide instruction to child to learn English. The services available in our school district include

\_\_\_\_\_. All students must be taught to read, write, speak, and understand English.

Schools!

All ELLs must be annually assessed to determine their English language proficiency level.

If your child has been enrolled in the school for 12 months or longer, they may take the state WKCE test. This test can be given in their native language. Schools that are not making "adequate yearly progress" for two years are required to pay the transportation fees for a child to attend another school within the district at the parent's request.

#### Special school programs

Our school has special classes for students who

- are "gifted" in academics, music, or other areas.
- have physical, mental, emotional, and learning disabilities.
- are at risk to not graduate.

You child may also participate in after school activities and programs. Please ask your child's teacher or building principal about these opportunities.